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THE BIG TEACHER'S PET

My school stuck us in a play by the other losers in my grade. So I started to read your magazine that I got from the library. Then my teacher confiscated it and I'm not allowed to have it back! Because of that, I have to pay a huge library fine for a magazine I didn't even get to read!

Alicia Roberts, Moscow, OH

Cops and Roberts — A "huge library fine"?!? How much does your library charge per day for an overdue magazine? We're guessing 10 cents a day. And if your teacher won't give the magazine back, that's really going to add up. After two months, you'll owe the library…six bucks! That's steep! Oh, here's an idea — spend $3.99 and just buy the freakin' issue! Then you can take your time reading it and just give it to the library when you're done. Added bonus — you can accuse your teacher of stealing from libraries and discouraging reading! Be creative and have fun! See you in the stacks! —Ed.

AT A CROSS FOR WORDS

Just wanted to bring to your attention that MAD was in the *New York Times* crossword on April 1 (coincidence)? The clue was "Like MAD" and the answer was "parodic." I know you're surprised that someone that reads MAD is able to do the *New York Times* crossword, but don't be too amazed, since it was Saturday's puzzle (they get harder all week long) I had to wait till today to get the solution. Maybe if I read something other than MAD, I would be able to solve them. Nah! Anyway, apparently MAD is everywhere!

Sarah Bozarth, Woodland, WA

Wolfgang Amadeus Bozarth — Here's a practice crossword you can hone your skills on (and you don't have to wait till next issue to get the solution!) —Ed.

ACROSS
1 What you're currently reading
2 Your name

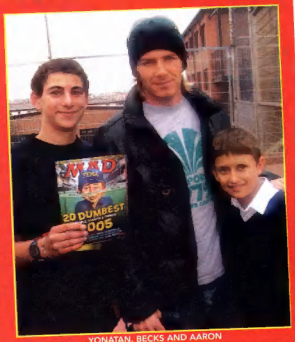
DOWN
1 What you are (Rhymes with "schmidiot")

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

David Beckham, the famous British soccer player who plays for Real Madrid, sends his children to my school. So one day I went and asked him to get his pic taken with a MAD, and he said yes (amazingly)! I'm the hot guy on the left of the pic and the other is my brother Aaron. Do I get a free subscription for this?

Yonatan Israel, Madrid, Spain

Yo! Yo! Yo! — You got a picture of the world's most famous soccer player — and by "world's most famous," we mean the only soccer player we know! Enjoy your one-year subscription (which would have been a three-year subscription if his hot and saucy wife Posh Spice had been in the shot as well)! —Ed.

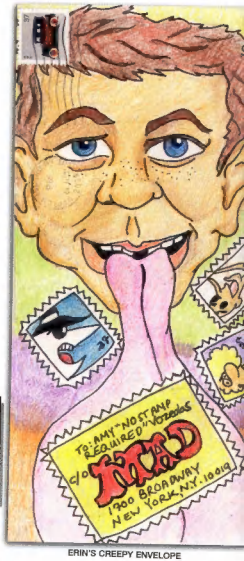


YONATAN, BECKS AND AARON

MAD ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

This month's envelope comes from Erin Miller of Staten Island, NY. Nice job Erin — in a hauntingly disturbing way! —Ed.

P.S. We felt the compelling need to wear rubber gloves when handling your envelope!



ERIN'S CREEPY ENVELOPE

HYDE AND SEEK

I was watching my daily dose of *That '70s Show* one day when I saw Hyde wearing a MAD t-shirt. After the show, I went on eBay and bought myself the same shirt. Now I wear it often and like to show my MAD spirit! Off topic, but when you go to make fun of my name, try to think of something more original than Apple Siter.

Bryan Siter, Ashley Falls, MA

Doofus — That's a nice compliment! We suggest you take all of your fashion tips from *That '70s Show*. We're sure bullies would enjoy beating you bloody and senseless with your own platform shoes! —Ed.

MAD BLURBS

Actual quotes that prove the world is going MAD!

This month: *Scary Movie 4* director *David Zucker*

...In a recent interview on Yahoo News, David Zucker (who also directed Airplane!, The Naked Gun and Top Secret!) sounded off on how MAD has influenced him. Somehow that influence has inexplicably led to a successful career!

"My sense of humor hasn't changed since my childhood days of reading aloud MAD magazine, which is the primer of this kind of thing. MAD used to have two pages each issue of scenes they'd like to see in a Hollywood movie. We've just taken that attitude and added a *Saturday Night Live* approach to sketch comedy and created a story which we could then translate to the big screen...In my defining years, Alfred E. Neuman and MAD magazine's writers...shaped my sense of humor."

READER ALERT

Got something stupid to say...in a sentence or less? Go to madmag.com and post your non sequitur nuggets on our message board under MAD Mumblings. We run the "best" ones on our Letters Page!

A MOVING TALE

My wife and I just purchased our first house and we're packing all our stuff for the big move. As we go through all our belongings deciding what should go in the trash and what we should save, I've come across 10 years of MAD which I've been saving. My wife wants me to just get rid of all this weight, but I'm not so sure. What do you guys think? Should I take along all these dead trees or just give in and ditch the old "office reading"? Thanks for your help!

Frank Kwiatkowski, Indianapolis, IN

Special K — Boy that *is* rough! It sounds like your marriage may be in real trouble! Know what our first clue was? You wrote into a humor magazine for relationship advice! You may as well keep the magazines, because, let's face it, your wife is going to end up leaving you anyway! And on an ironic note, she'll end up getting half your magazines! —Ed.

This month we have a super-sized special edition of the MAD Fan of the Month and we like to call it...

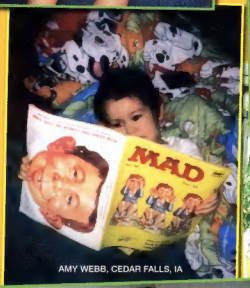
What Kind of Person Reads MAD?

GLORIA EDWARDS, FLUSHING, NY

SARAH PEREZ, ELMHURST, NY

SASHA MARIE LUPTON, ALBUQUERQUE, NM

NICK CONTINO, BRADENTOWN, FL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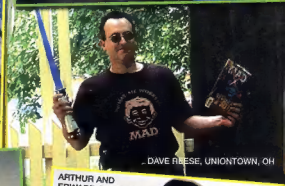
DAVE REESE, UNIONTOWN, OH

JERRY LOGAN AND NEPHEW MATTHEW VANLIESHOUT, ONTARIO, CANADA

ARTHUR AND EDWARD SANDELS, DOYLESTOWN, PA

Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

I am a 16-year-old subscriber to your fine magazine and at my old school I was voted most likely to succeed in business. I think I found a loophole for this success. I thought instead of working hard, I can easily make a dumb wish to the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation*™. My dumb wish is for you guys to surrender your company to me. If you do give me what I wish, I might consider not firing each and every one of you.

Your future boss, Bruce Clark, Minneapolis, MN

Any Which Way But Bruce — Your big plan for success is taking over MAD Magazine? Yeah, that's the fast track to fame and fortune! She's all yours, supermogul! By the way, we polled the staff, and we'd appreciate it if you fired us as soon as possible — we'd like the summer off! Thanks for writing the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation*™. See you on the *Forbes* 400 list! —Ed.

SAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

Not that the youth of America takes shop class anymore, but let's not confuse the minor few that do! Number 18 in "35 Scholarly Reasons Why School Sucks" (MAD #464) is a band saw — not a table saw! How about a free subscription?

Harry Strother, Portland, ME

O Strother, Where Art Thou? — You're right! It was a simple mistake and we messed up. But people get confused like that all the time. For example, you've mistaken us for a magazine that rewards know-it-all losers who write in and tell us our mistakes. Well, we do reward them, but not with subscriptions! Enjoy your complementary copies of Less Than Jake and Head Automatica's albums! —Ed.

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OUR SUPER DUPER SATIRE OF *SUPERMAN*!

NEXT MONTH IN MAD KIDS #4 ON SALE JULY 18!

EXCLUSIVE MAD KIDS INTERVIEW WITH JACK BLACK! CREATE A NEW SUPERHERO!

POP IN THE NAME OF LOVE

I was in the *Guinness Book of World Records* for the largest soft drink bottle collection. I just wanted to share an image of the rare (only one known) Happy Jack bottle with Alfred E. emblazoned thereon. Maria Reidelbach mentions the existence of this bottle in her book, *Completely MAD*, but she had never seen one. This bottle belongs to a fellow collector in California — unfortunately, I am not the lucky owner!

Christopher Weide, Jacksonville, FL

Chris Cross — Wow! Soda bottles with Alfred's face are worth money? We're sitting on a gold mine! Today's your lucky day — now *you* can be the lucky owner of a one-of-a-kind Alfred soda bottle and it's all yours for just $15,000! We'll await your check or money order! See you at the bottling plant! —Ed.

READER ALERT

Everyone lucky enough to have their letters printed in this month's Letters Page will receive Head Automatica's *Popaganda* and Less Than Jake's *In With The Out Crowd* courtesy of our "friends" at Warner Music Group. Catch Less Than Jake on this year's Vans Warped Tour and Head Automatica on tour with Taking Back Sunday this Summer. Both albums are in stores now!

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LITTLE-KNOWN MENTORS FOR THE REAL WORLD

That pretty young miss who wants to make the plain girls cry will need lots of coaching from a…

CONCEITED BITCH MENTOR

A fella that is bound to grow up completely unaccountable for his actions will learn the ropes from a…

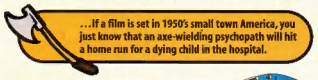
DEADBEAT DAD MENTOR

Yeah, so you HAVE two bucks, and you OWE Joshie two bucks, but Joshie ain't HERE, so you don't really owe him nothin' right now. See?
Oh.
MEATY DOGS
DOGS 2 BUCKS!

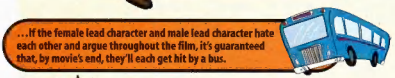
Little lazy slobs don't generally grow out of it, so much as grow into it — thus requiring a…

FAT GUY IN THE CHAIR MENTOR

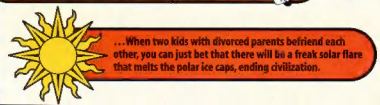
MOVIE CLICHÉS YOU CAN'T COUNT ON…



…If a film is set in 1950's small town America, you just know that an axe-wielding psychopath will hit a home run for a dying child in the hospital.



…If the female lead character and male lead character hate each other and argue throughout the film, it's guaranteed that, by movie's end, they'll each get hit by a bus.



…When two kids with divorced parents befriend each other, you can just bet that there will be a freak solar flare that melts the polar ice caps, ending civilization.

THE PUZZLE NOOK

Which of the 4 choices best completes this phrase?

_?_FE SUCKS, THEN YOU DIE!

1. LI__
2. EATING AT THE HARD ROCK CA__
3. SITTING ON A KNI__
4. BEING KEVIN FEDERLINE'S WI__

THE GODEREY REPORT

IN	FIVE MINUTES AGO	OUT
Estates	Manors	Compounds
Tonics	Elixirs	Snake Oils
Imams	Mullahs	Ayatollahs

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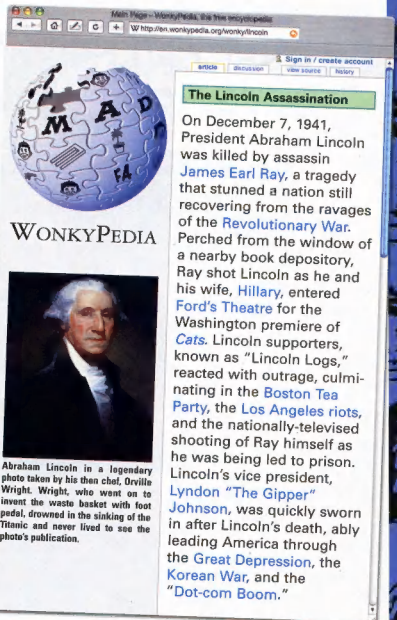
LE LIEVRE AND LET DIE

"You've been to the carnival again."

MONKEYS ARE ALWAYS FUNNY

Special Cheeky "Lindsay Lohan at the Nick Kid's Choice Awards" Edition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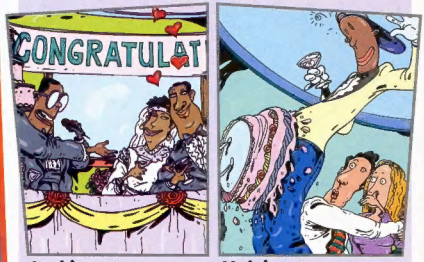
The Lincoln Assassination
On December 7, 1941, President Abraham Lincoln was killed by assassin James Earl Ray, a tragedy that stunned a nation still recovering from the ravages of the Revolutionary War. Perched from the window of a nearby book depository, Ray shot Lincoln as he and his wife, Hillary, entered Ford's Theatre for the Washington premiere of Cats. Lincoln supporters, known as "Lincoln Logs," reacted with outrage, culminating in the Boston Tea Party, the Los Angeles riots, and the nationally-televised shooting of Ray himself as he was being led to prison. Lincoln's vice president, Lyndon "The Gipper" Johnson, was quickly sworn in after Lincoln's death, ably leading America through the Great Depression, the Korean War, and the "Dot-com Boom."

Abraham Lincoln in a legendary photo taken by his then chef, Orville Wright. Wright, who went on to invent the waste basket with foot pedal, drowned in the sinking of the Titanic and never lived to see the photo's publication.

MELVIN & JENKINS' GUIDE TO WEDDING TOASTS



Jenkins brings up the fact that the couple's favorite movie is *Jerry Maguire*, and smoothly works in a "they complete each other" reference.

Melvin reenacts the key scene of *American Pie*, using the wedding cake.

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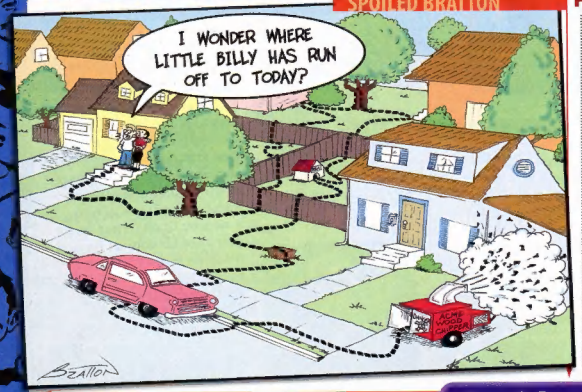
SPOILED BRATTON



CLIP 'N' USE FRAUDULENT FORTUNES

Good luck is contagious – and so is the bacteria in our tea.

Learn Chinese:
Why are the dumplings moving?
為什麼餃子行動?

Money will come your way if you recalculate your check – your waiter overcharges.

Learn Chinese:
These chopsticks have already been used.
這些筷子已經被使用

The horse is smarter than the chicken – though a few do make it into the lo mein.

Learn Chinese:
No, I would not like to hear about Falun Gong.
不, 我不會希望聽說法輪功。

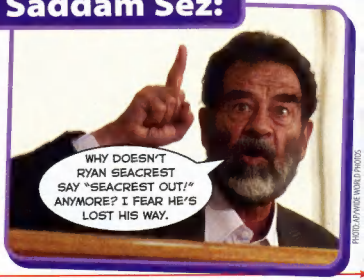
You will go on a journey – to the emergency room with the stomach cramps you get from the chicken in garlic sauce.

"MY COMPLAINTS, GRIPES AND PET PEEVES"

A Fundalini Exclusive Excerpt from the Blog of Superman

1. **Supergirl — she can fly, she's bulletproof and she's from Krypton. I finally find a babe I have something in common with and it turns out she's my freakin' cousin!**
2. **Those pathetic letters I get from kids asking me to take a lump of coal and press it into a diamnd for their stupid school auction. Hey kids, press this!**
3. **Spaying Krypto the Superdog — man, that was no day at the beach!**
4. **Low-rise jeans, thongs and low-cut tops. My whole "see through anything" super power seems kind of like one big waste these days!**
5. **Having to go to this one tailor in Hong Kong every time Clark Kent needs a new business suit that can fit over my costume but won't bunch up in the crotch!**

Saddam Sez:



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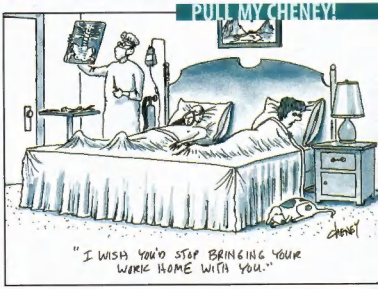
PULL MY CHENEY!



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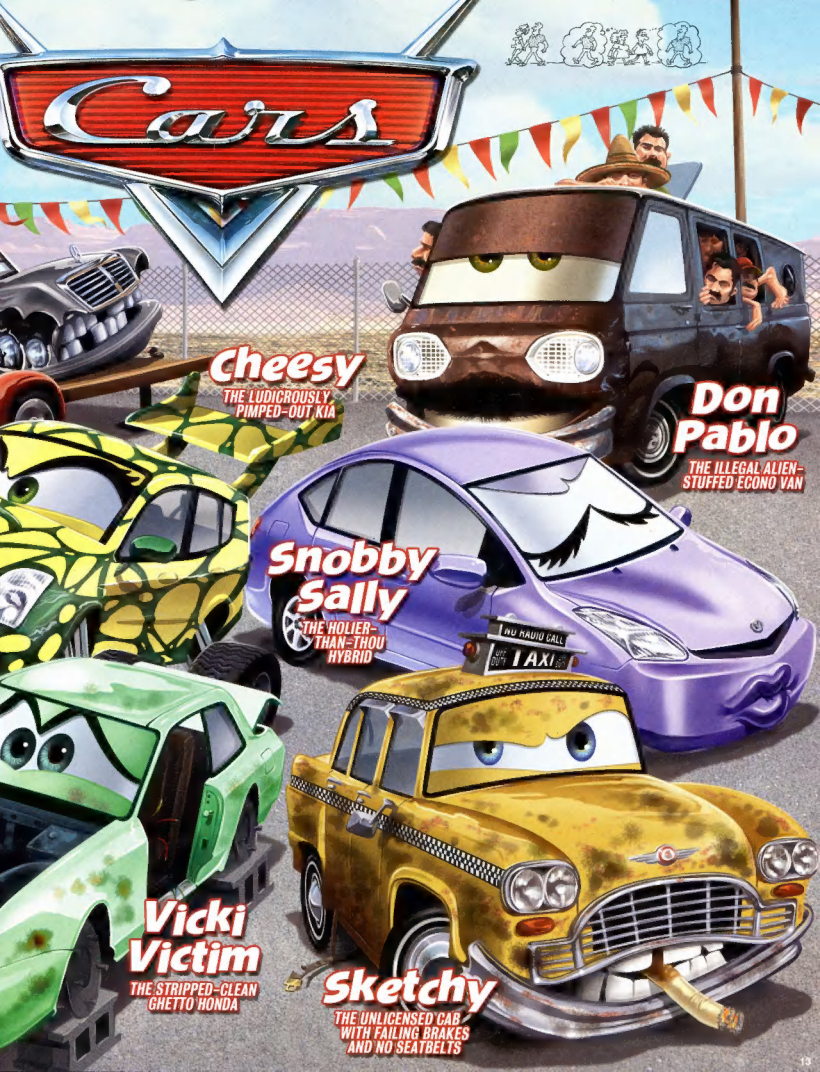
Ray Alma, Doug Bratton, Jacob Lambert, Teresa Burns Parkhurst, Glen Le Lievre, Tom Cheney, Patrick Merrell, Desmond Devlin, Kevin Pope, Charlie Kadau, David Shayne, Jeff Kruse

With *Cars*, Pixar unleashes yet another set of lovable, googly-eyed and easily merchandised cartoon characters upon America's dribble-chinned kiddies. Although it's business as usual for the studio, there were a few characters in the flick deemed too "kid un-friendly" to make the final cut. But they're all right here in...

REJECTED CHARACTERS FROM

WRITER: JACOB LAMBERT

ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND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Cheesy
THE LUDICROUSLY PIMPED-OUT KIA
Don Pablo
THE ILLEGAL ALIEN-STUFFED ECONO VAN
Snobby Sally
THE HOLIER-THAN-THOU HYBRID
NO RADIO CALL
TAXI
Vicki Victim
THE STRIPPED-CLEAN GHETTO HONDA
Sketchy
THE UNLICENSED CAB WITH FAILING BRAKES AND NO SEATBELTS

REJECTED CHARACTERS FROM
Cars
Forgotten Frank
THE LEAF, FLYER AND PIGEON-CRAP-COVERED BUICK
Mario
THE DENTED, STALE-PEPPERONI-REEKIN' PIZZA TRUCK
Flippy
THE ROLLOVER-PRONE SUV
Deaf Darryl
THE RAP-BLASTING SPEAKER FREAK
Putrid Pete
THE PUKE-FILLED PROM LIMO
PROM

Comparing WAR IN

Someone once said "History repeats itself." And this is certainly true. We just repeated what they said, thereby proving their point. Ironic, eh? It's also been said that "Those who do not learn from history are bound to repeat it"! Remember that, we won't be telling it to you again! Our point is this: we're out of clichés about history, so why don't you just go ahead and read the following article. And if you find yourself re-reading it in the future, don't be surprised!

Troops in WWI were defended by foxholes...
Those poor boys are under a lot of stress!
HANNITY & COLMES
...Troops in Iraq are defended by Fox News.

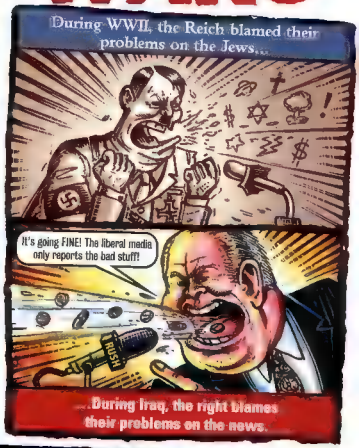
The Korean War was caused by post-WWII instability...
...the North has now fallen under communist control...
...we must invade — or be attacked once again by Saddam's terrorist friends...
The war in Iraq was caused by post-9/11 gullibility.

During the Revolutionary War, a young woman named Molly became famous for her pitcher...
...During the Iraq War, a dumb woman named Lyndie became famous for her pictures.

During Vietnam, draft-dodgers abruptly fled the country...
We gotta get outta here!!
DRAFT TO BE INCREASED
Here's to "non-competitive bidding"!
...During Iraq, draft-dodgers corruptly led the country.

WRITER: JACOB LAMBERT ARTIST: PETER KUPER

the IRAQ to PREVIOUS WARS


During WWII, the Reich blamed their problems on the Jews...
It's going FINE! The liberal media only reports the bad stuff!
...During Iraq, the right blames their problems on the news.

A great image of the Revolutionary War is Washington on a boat, courageously crossing the Delaware...
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED
Major military operations in Iraq are over! We won! Yippee!
...A grating image of the Iraq War is of Bush on a boat, outrageously lost and unaware.

During the Gulf War, the Patriot missile was used to repel our enemies...
We'll be arrested as terrorists!
...During the Iraq War, the Patriot Act is used to repeal our liberties.

DERIDES AND ATTRACTIONS DEPT.

The long-anticipated trip to the fun park! The only problem is, you're going to be far too excited to behave in a controlled, thoughtful manner. (In fact, if you're a typical MAD reader, you've *never* behaved in such a manner! Thankfully, we're here to help you calmly and rationally squeeze every last drop of enjoyment from this hard-won outing with:

MAD'S GUIDE TO

Getting In

Feigning a seizure never hurt anyone — and may lead to a free pass!

Getting Familiar

Take a chance to get to know the real character behind the costume.

Getting Soaked

When nature calls, don't waste your time on bathroom lines — relief is as close as the nearest water ride.

Getting Digested

Between wolfing down a funnel cake and rotor riding, calm your stomach and make your own attraction by obstructing the warning sign in front of certain rides.

Getting Derailed

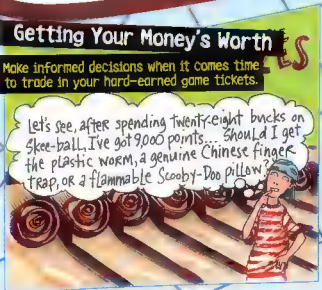
If forced to ride the snore-inspiring monorail, make your own thrills with a game of spittle-suck.

WRITER AND ARTIST: TERESA BURNS PARKHURST

AMUSEMENT PARK FUN

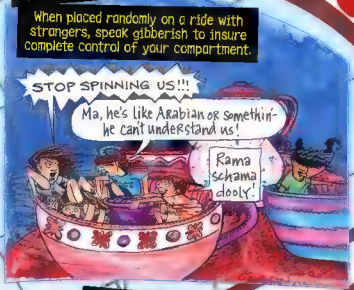
Getting Your Money's Worth

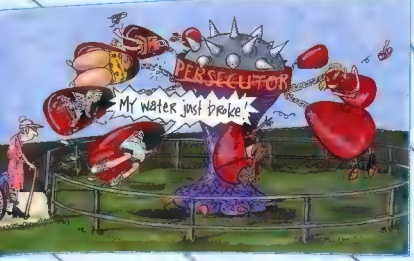
Make informed decisions when it comes time to trade in your hard-earned game tickets.


Let's see, after spending twenty-eight bucks on Skee-ball, I've got 9,000 points... Should I get the plastic worm, a genuine Chinese finger-trap, or a flammable Scooby-Doo pillow?

Getting Your Way

When placed randomly on a ride with strangers, speak gibberish to insure complete control of your compartment.





Getting Sick

For uninterrupted fun, you need only remember one thing: at all costs, do not blow chow on yourself!

Getting Home

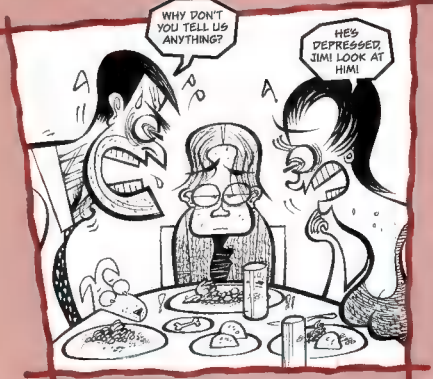
Now that the trip you've been bribed with for months is over, let your overtired, sunburned body tantrum its way to a nice deep sleep for the long ride home.

If you're one of the lucky few who fully love, respect and admire your parents,we congratulate you on the tender, shining joy that is your life. But since you're probably *not* one of those pony-riding, bowtie-wearing mama's boys, we invite you to indulge your irritation by asking...

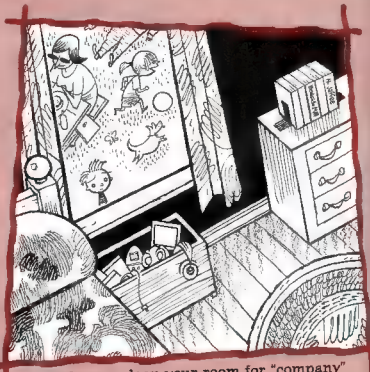
DON'T YOU HATE WHEN YOUR PARENTS...

...refuse to buy you something because "you don't need it" -- a rule which apparently doesn't cover their "necessities," like manicures, pedicures and *The Complete Fourth Season of Law & Order*?

...warn you not to "give in" to peer pressure -- then burn with jealousy the minute your neighbors bring home a new Hummer?



...act as if you're a sullen jerk just because you don't feel like going into microscopic detail about every aspect of your horrible day?



...make you clean your room for "company" who won't come within fifty feet of it?

HOW'S BRIAN MCKENNA DOING?
WHO?
BRIAN MCKENNA! YOU USED TO PLAY TOGETHER.
OH, HIM. THE JERK MOVED TO OHIO DURING KINDERGARTEN!
MAD

...ask you about kids you haven't talked to since preschool as if the two of you are still best buddies?

...offer to help with your homework when they clearly know even less than you do?

...invariably try to suck up all the credit when you do something well – and distance themselves from you as if you had the Asiatic Bird Flu when you screw up?

...make you do yard work on your only days off – so they can enjoy *theirs*?

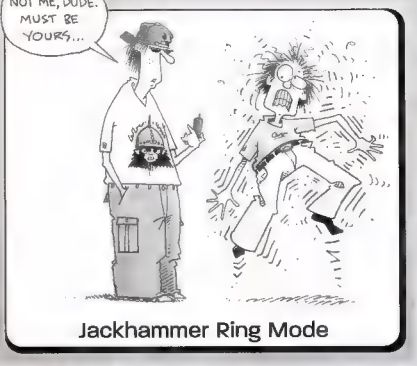
WRITER: JACOB LAMBERT ARTIST: MARC HEMPEL

CAN YOU JEER ME NOW? DEPT.

JOHN CALDWELL'S

OUTRAGEOUSLY STUPID CELL PHONE FEATURES AND ACCESSORIES

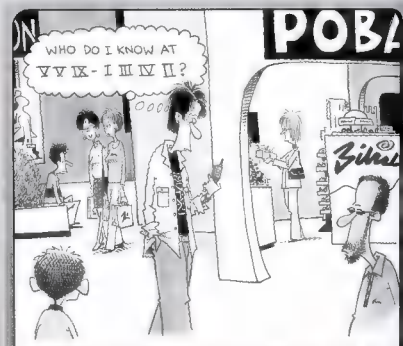
Not so long ago, having a cell phone was an amazing, mind-blowing convenience! It was revolutionary...for about a month. Then it got boring — which is why they added cameras, mp3 players, ringtones, text messaging, web browsers and all other kinds of features. And that's great, but now that they're all out of good ideas, we can only look forward to...



Jackhammer Ring Mode

Universal Bumper Car Adaptor

Handy Yellow Pages Attachment



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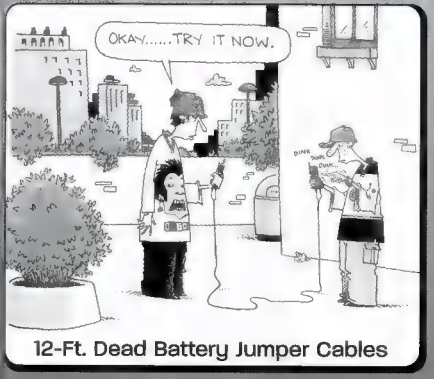
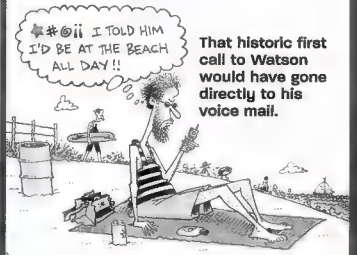
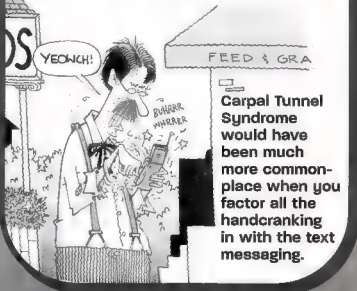


What if **Alexander Graham Bell** had invented the **cell phone?**

John Philip Sousa would have made a fortune on ringtone royalties.



That historic first call to Watson would have gone directly to his voice mail.



Carpal Tunnel Syndrome would have been much more commonplace when you factor all the handcranking in with the text messaging.

WRITER AND ARTIST:
JOHN CALDWELL

WHY DON'T YOU GO TO HEALTH? DEPT.

Only an absolute moron would go to a fast food place to eat healthy. Yet, there's always some stupid report telling you what the most "health-conscious" option on the menu is, and warning you about the worst. Here's a hint — it's ALL terrible for you! Still, we feel duty-bound to present:

The FDA'S Guide to the BEST &

	BEST	WORST
Quiznos Sub	1" Lettuce Sub w/o mayo (15 calories)	8-Foot Beef Tallow-Parmesan Personal Party Sub (50,600 calories)
Long John Silver's	Cajun-Steamed Imitation Anchovy Filet (75 calories)	Deep Fried Whale Flank n' Fries Meal (12,400 calories)
Subway	Breadless Pita & Tomato Wrap (10 calories)	All-You-Can-Eat Salami Trough (calories vary)
Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers	Small Chili, Without Human Appendages (345 calories)	Quintuple Breakfast Croissant Thingy (10,003 calories)

WORST CHOICES *in* FAST FOOD

WRITER:
JEFF KRUSE

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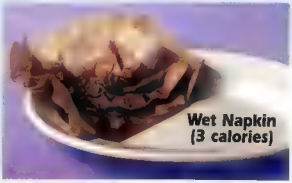
Domino's Pizza

TACO BELL

McDonald's

Arby's



Ever wonder what goes on in Congress after you've blacked out from boredom watching C-Span? Us neither, but here's...

Resolutions In Congress

HR1860-06 Would officially change the GOP symbol from an elephant to the Risen Christ, and the Democratic symbol from a donkey to a scowling Satan

HR55564 Requires the testing of all college and professional bird mascots for avian flu

HR080506 Provides an additional $500 for refugees still displaced by Hurricane Katrina (that's in total, not per-person)

HR061973 Establishes a 10-month waiting period for all abortions, and even then, the woman must get permission from the fetus

HR9696 Requests that the Library of Congress put more Jenna Jameson films on the AFI list

HR042354 Declares Michael Moore's birthday, April 23, a National Day of Mourning

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE
ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

You May Not Know About

HR4775 Would permit the FDA to allow the inclusion of the Great Gazoo in bottles of Flintstones Vitamins, even though he didn't appear in that many episodes

HR680306 Gives tax credits to meat packing companies to slaughter grizzly bears in our national parks (aka "Save the Bears Initiative")

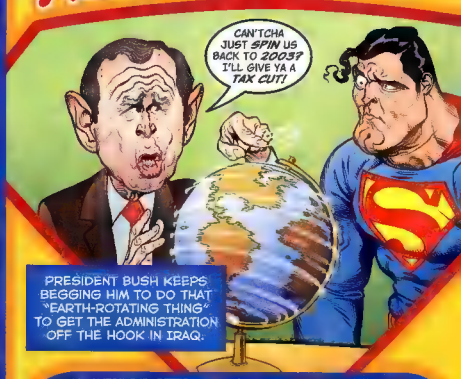
HR22332 Asks the President to present a timetable, outlining when U.S. troops will be invading Syria and/or Iran

HR0401 Requires that all voting districts in the country be drawn up fairly so that every voter is equally represented (A prank resolution proposed by Tom DeLay every April Fools Day)

HR460V8 Earmarks $75,000 to pay for the House Transportation Subcommittee to place their logo on the Dale Earnhardt, Jr. car at the 2007 Daytona 500

WHEN *SUPERMAN IV* WAS RELEASED IN 1987, ITS SHEER CRAPPINESS ALL BUT ENSURED THAT THE SUPERMAN FRANCHISE HAD FINALLY BEEN BEATEN TO DEATH. BUT TWENTY YEARS LATER, HOLLYWOOD HAS HEROICALLY RESPONDED TO THE TRAGIC LACK OF COMIC BOOK FLICKS BY REVIVING THE CORNY HERO. UNFORTUNATELY FOR SUPERMAN, MUCH HAS CHANGED ■ THE WORLD SINCE HIS LAST FLIGHT. FOR STARTERS, CONSIDER THESE...

MODERN HASSLES SUPERMAN WOULD FACE IF HE REALLY RETURNED



PRESIDENT BUSH KEEPS BEGGING HIM TO DO THAT "EARTH-ROTATING THING" TO GET THE ADMINISTRATION OFF THE HOOK IN IRAQ.

WHILE TRYING TO LAUNCH HIS NEW WEBSITE, HE'S DISGUSTED TO FIND THAT "MANOFSTEEL.COM" HAS ALREADY BEEN REGISTERED TO A *DIFFERENT* SORT OF "SUPER MAN."

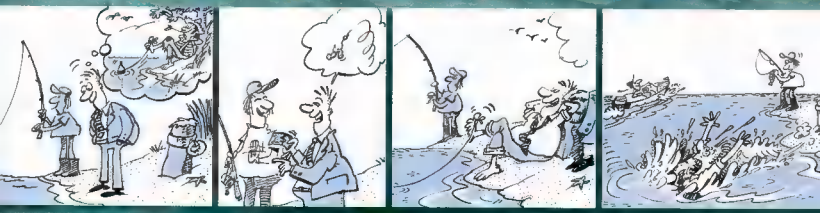
WRITER: JACOB LAMBERT

ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA

CONSIDERING THE SORRY STATE OF AMTRAK, CALLING HIMSELF "MORE POWERFUL THAN A LOCOMOTIVE" IS KIND OF LIKE BOASTING ABOUT BEING "SMARTER THAN K-FED."
ATTENTION, PASSENGERS. DUE TO AN ELECTRIC MALFUNCTION, THIS TRAIN IS BEING PULLED OUT OF SERVICE.
HEY SUPERFRAUD, YA GONNA BREAK AARON'S RECORD TOO? WHADIJA USE, "THE CREAM" OR "THE CLEAR"?
THANKS TO BONDS, MCGWIRE, PALMEIRO AND GIAMBI, MILLIONS OF AMERICANS DISMISS HIS INHUMAN SUPER-STRENGTH AS JUST ANOTHER PATHETIC CASE OF "JUICE" ABUSE.
IS IT TRUE, SUPERMAN, THAT YOU DID NOT OBTAIN THE PROPER WARRANTS BEFORE YOU SO FLAGRANTLY SPIED ON THE PERSONS IN QUESTION?
THE ACLU IS CONSTANTLY DRAGGING HIM INTO COURT OVER THE USE OF HIS "INVASIVE AND UNLAWFUL" X-RAY VISION.
LEX LUTHOR NO LONGER TRIES TO DESTROY SUPERMAN OUTRIGHT, INSTEAD CONCENTRATING ON THE MUCH SAFER AND FAR MORE PROFITABLE CRIME OF IDENTITY THEFT.
$800 ON SCALP WAX?? LUTHOR!!

IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO LOOK AS ETERNALLY YOUTHFUL AS CLARK, LOIS HAS BEEN MORE "NIPPED AND TUCKED" THAN JACKO AND JOAN RIVERS COMBINED.
SO, CLARK, HOW DO YOU LIKE THE NEW ME?
THE POST-9/11 "NO-FLY ZONE" OVER METROPOLIS MEANS THAT HE'S CONSTANTLY GETTING SHOT AT BY EMERGENCY-DEPLOYED NAVY JETS.
NAVY
IT WAS A HECK OF A LOT EASIER KEEPING HIS IDENTITY SECRET IN THE DAYS BEFORE TRASH TV, BLOGGERS, AND THESMOKINGGUN.COM.
TONIGHT: THE SECRET CLARK KENT DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW!
EXTRA!
THE HOME DEPOT
TARGET
KENT LAND MALL
UPON RETURNING TO HIS CHILDHOOD HOME IN KANSAS, HE IS STUNNED TO FIND THAT THE FAMILY FARM HAS BEEN REPLACED BY A TARGET, A HOME DEPOT, AND AN APPLEBEE'S.

Sergio Aragonés Presents A MAD LOOK AT FISHING



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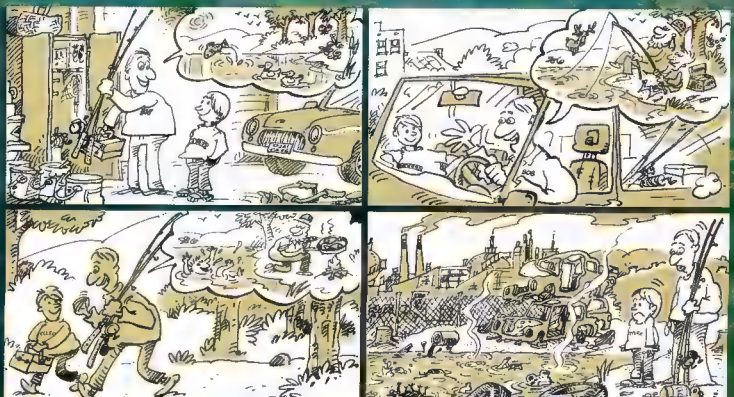

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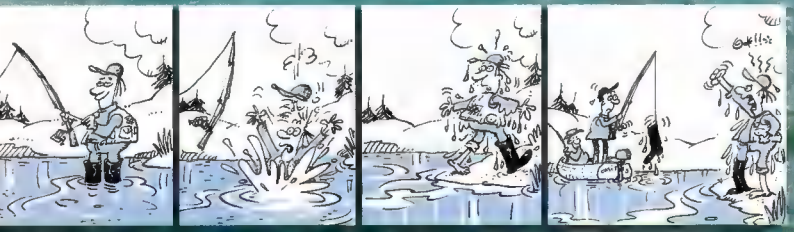

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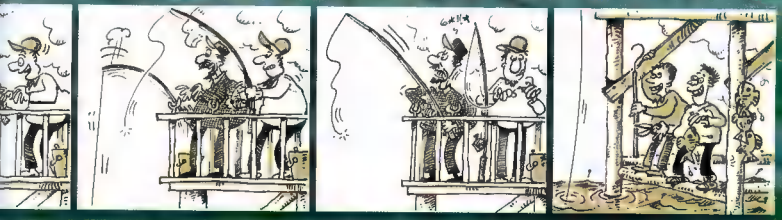

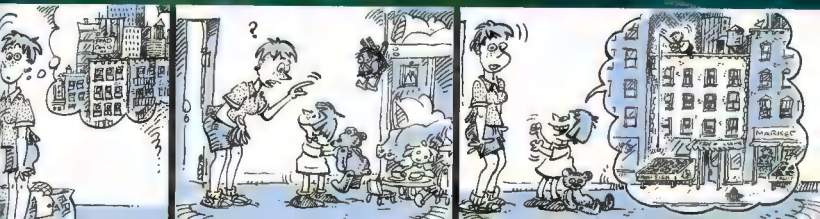
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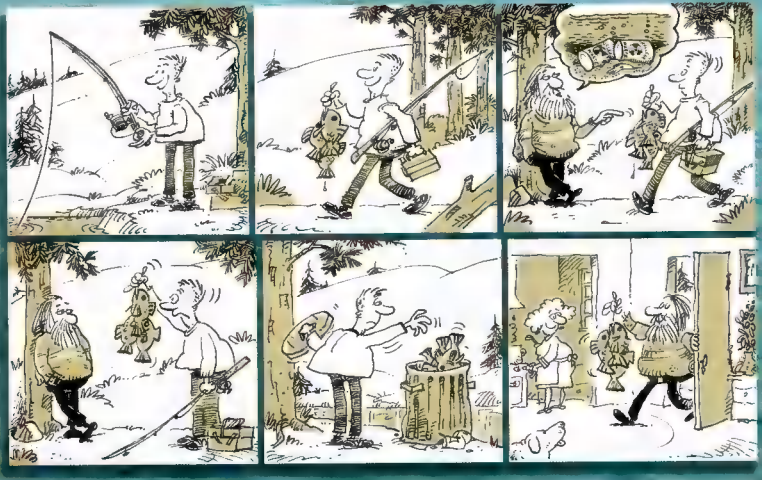

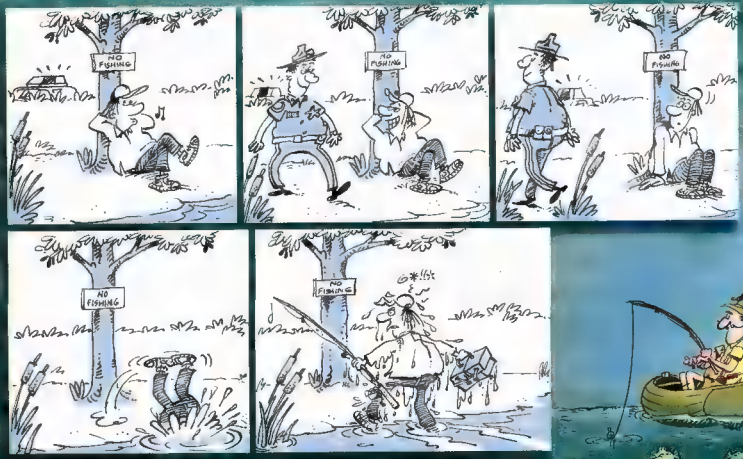
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[23 June|02:46pm]

[mood| free!]

[30 June|07:57pm]

[mood| bored]

[05 July|08:09pm]

[mood| depressed]

[06 July|05:21pm]

[mood| frustrated]

[07 July|02:39pm]

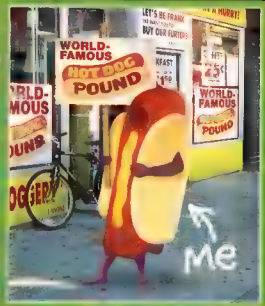
[10 July|**06:15pm**]

[**mood**| embarrassed]

I went to work today. I wore a pair of [illegible] and a [illegible] shirt. Nothing more and it would improve the look. But I shouldn't have bothered dressing up... because I spent the day wearing a hot dog costume.

Let me say that again: I spent 8 hours WEARING A HOT DOG COSTUME.

It turns out that my job is to stand out in front of the restaurant as they [illegible] and wave at cars as they drive by. The costume is cramped and hot and there is no air at all, and it smells like someone else's feet. Plus, in case I didn't mention this: it's a giant hot dog.



[11 July|**08:02pm**]

I was in front of the restaurant today when my manager Dale came out and told me that I couldn't answer to customers. "You're ruining my business" as they were coming in. I considered suggesting that, instead, I could yell "Billy Mays" at people. But he seemed pretty annoyed with me already. Then he told me to wave and dance more. "Nobody wants to eat at a place where the food looks depressed," he said. "Look happy!" I pointed out that if I were really a hot dog, I wouldn't be happy at a restaurant where my bones [illegible] were being eaten. And he said, "You're right, I really dumb hot dog, but you haven't figured it out yet." Great. I'm going to spend the summer being a mildly retarded hot dog.

[12 July|**07:36pm**]

[**mood**| exhausted]

Today during my 15-minute lunch break, Patty from the drive-thru told me what really happened to Kevin, the guy who were the suit before me. He DIDN'T quit — he passed out with [illegible]. She said he just kind of disappeared all over the parking lot and then fell down with his legs in the air. "It was really funny," she said, and then realized who she was talking to, and was all, "Oh. But I'm sure it wouldn't be funny if it happened to you."

[15 July|**10:43am**]

[**mood**| evil]

My sister Sophie left for camp today. This is her first time going to [illegible] camp, and she was afraid of being homesick. I told her that homesickness was nothing to worry about, and that what she should really be afraid of are the forest scamper and the Summon Camp. Camp counselor Sasha Allen and the Pine Mushpots tells the kids to Open Doors. I think how that might be a [illegible] name I guess he gets

[24 July|**01:22pm**]

[**mood**| hydrated]

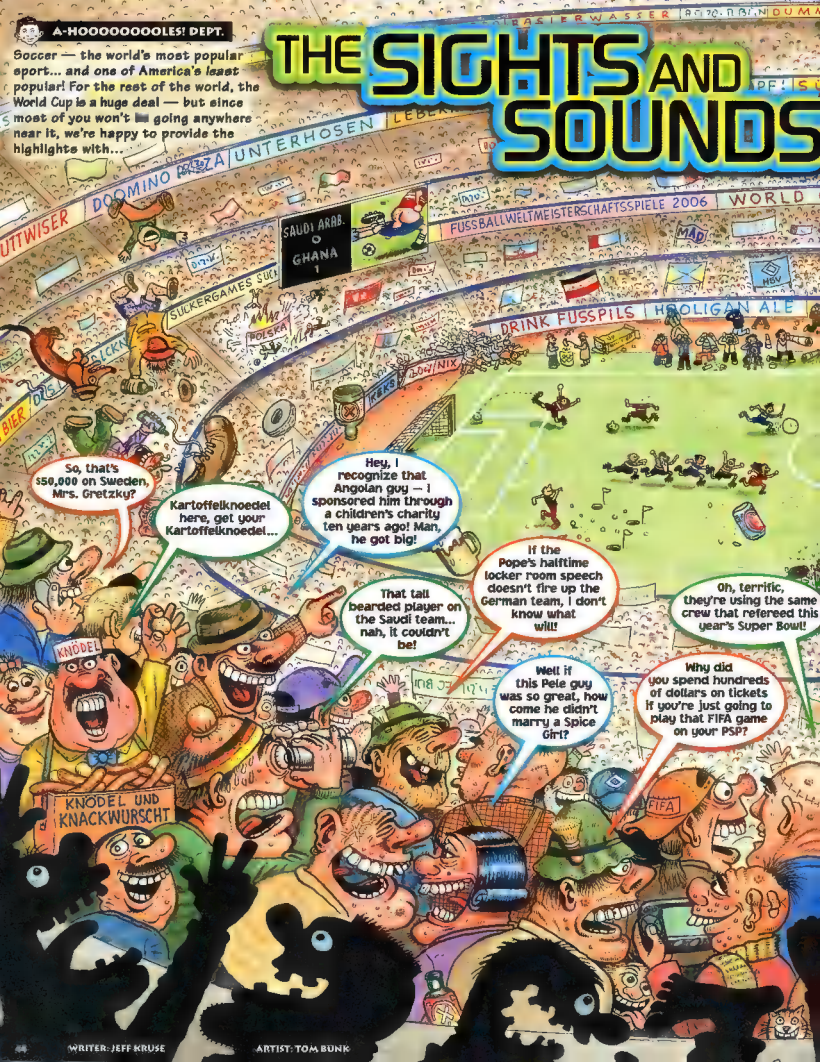
Sorry I haven't blogged much lately. Apparently, I got heat stroke and passed out in the parking lot and Pam dragged me inside. The good news is, the hot dog mascot's owner offered to give me my pay for the rest of the summer if I promise not to put him either in the hospital. The dissertation fundamental was on the TV over my bed. This is the best summer ever!

WRITER: TIM CARVELL ARTIST: BRIAN DURNIAK

A-HOOOOOOOOLES! DEPT.

Soccer — the world's most popular sport... and one of America's least popular! For the rest of the world, the World Cup is a huge deal — but since most of you won't be going anywhere near it, we're happy to provide the highlights with...

THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS


So, that's $50,000 on Sweden, Mrs. Gretzky?
Kartoffelknoedel here, get your Kartoffelknoedel...
Hey, I recognize that Angolan guy — I sponsored him through a children's charity ten years ago! Man, he got big!
That tall bearded player on the Saudi team... nah, it couldn't be!
If the Pope's halftime locker room speech doesn't fire up the German team, I don't know what will!
Well if this Pele guy was so great, how come he didn't marry a Spice Girl?
Why did you spend hundreds of dollars on tickets if you're just going to play that FIFA game on your PSP?
Oh, terrific, they're using the same crew that refereed this year's Super Bowl!
SAUDI ARAB. 0 GHANA 1
FUSSBALLWELTMEISTERSCHAFTSPIELE 2006
DRINK FUSSPILS
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FIFA

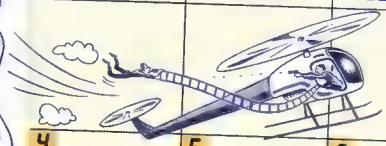
WRITER: JEFF KRUSE

ARTIST: TOM BUNK

OF THE 2006 WORLD CUP
Ecuador, Togo, and the Ukraine. Yep, that's pretty much soccer's Axis of Evil!
1-0 already? Damn, it's a blowout!
Pardon me, do you know what time the post-game riot is scheduled for?
Well, there's some good news for the Americans: Barry Bonds is on the sideline handing out pills!
Goooooooaaaaaaal!!!... Oh, wait, it only hit the side of the net. Soooooooooorry!
If this doesn't put Nuremberg on the map, I don't know what will!
The Czech Republic vs. Ghana -- wow, no love lost there!
Oooh, a corner kick: the eighth-most exciting play in all of soccer!
SAUDI ARAB. 0 GHANA 1
FART VERGNUGEN
BUNK
BALLSPIELEN VERBOTEN!!!
NO DUMPING
GOT MILK
YESCHH
Tom Bunk

FOX is in the middle of another season of *24* featuring the far-fetched, pulse-pounding exploits of agent Jack Bauer and his efforts to save the world in a single day. And what a day it is! Car chases! Gunplay! Explosions! (The only people who put up with this much torture and mayhem are high school Vice Principals!) But for deeper insight into to his *real* character, take a look at...

JUNE

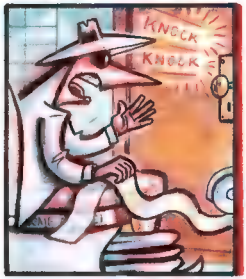
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
		
4 Go To Confession Noon – 10 PM	5 Begin Doing Penance of 5'00,000 Hail Marys	6 Get Dark Suit Dry cleaned
11 See if Leftover chemical Nerve Toxin Will Kill Pesky Lawn Weeds	12 Interrogate neighbor regarding the whereabouts of my power drill he "borrowed" last spring – Remember to bring lead pipe.	13 Drop off shirts at laundry – tell Mr. Ling to pre-treat bloodstains, gunpowder residue, explosion soot + traces of radioactive fallout.
18 I.M. FBI/CIA VIPs via PDA ASAP re: CTU BBQ (BYOB!)	19 contact verizon to dispute "remote bomb detonation" surcharge on bill	20 Therapist appointment, 2:30 re: my paranoia and feelings of distrust
25 Work on backstory for new secret identity. Neurosurgeon? Pastry chef? certified Public Accountant?	26 Get hearing checked – ears still ringing from explosions and gunfire.	27 call customer service to replace credit cards demagnetized during electric-shock torture

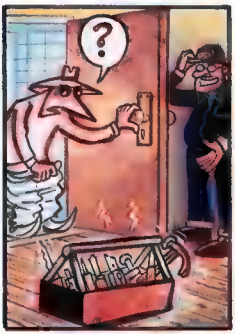
How Does JACK BAUER Spend the Rest of the Month?

2006

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Stop Terrorist Plot!	2 Long Hot Shower/Pee All Day	3 Have comlink Extracted from thick Inner Ear Wax Build-up
7 Attend President Palmer's Funeral	8 Attend Tony and Michelle's Funerals	9 Get Dark Suit Dry cleaned— Again	10 Attend Edgar and Lynn's Funerals
14 Add satellite surveillance photos of family and friends to myspace	15 Payday! Woo hoo! 24 hrs of OT!	16 Have Chloe run Level 5 decryption program on cable box so I can watch the Ultimate Fighting Championship for free this weekend.	17 Pick up Ex-Lax for Chloe to get that ever-constipated look off her face!
21 Put wiretap and surveillance team on therapist	22 clear up problems caused from faking own death: direct deposit acct, social security, beer of the month club, Netflix, etc.	23 Find out from Delta if chopper flights used to intercept nuclear warheads count toward freq. flyer miles.	24 Return Degree anti-perspirant to drugstore. It did NOT offer 24 hours of odor protection!
28 Work with smile coach, 1:00-3:00	29 The following takes place between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. every day: make bed, brush teeth, coffee and danish, read paper (I'm so bored!)	30 Save America! (Again)	

WRITER: DARREN JOHNSON ARTIST: RICK TULKA





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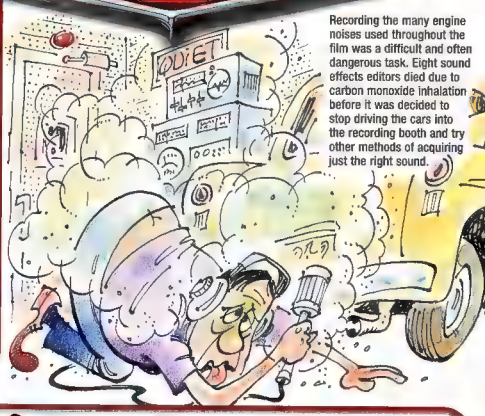
WRITER AND ARTIST: PETER KUPER

TAKE THIS, JOBS, AND SHOVE IT DEPT.

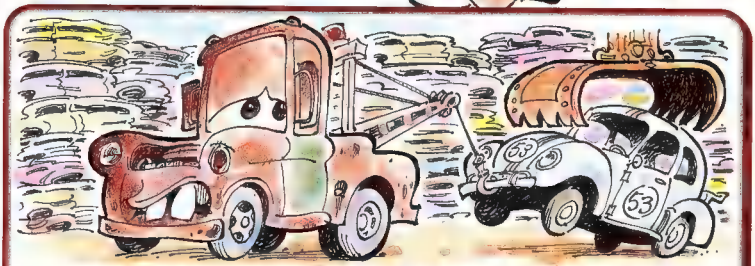
LITTLE KNOWN FACTS, RUMORS AND TOTAL FABRICATIONS ABOUT Cars

One of the most over-hyped, overrated and over-heated movies of the season is Pixar Studio's *Cars*. You've probably heard about it or read about it in newspapers and on websites. But, as usual, the true inside scoop can only be found here, in America's most respected chronicler of the seamy side of Tinseltown. Here's...

The absence of humans in *Cars* was originally explained by a short prologue to the film, showing a fiery nuclear holocaust causing the inglorious end to mankind. But with it, the movie ran too long and so the two-minute sequence was snipped.



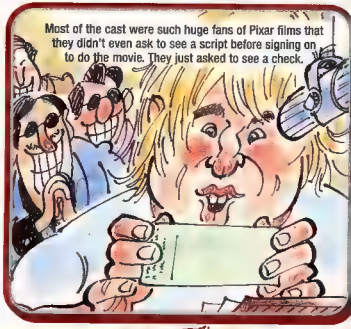
Recording the many engine noises used throughout the film was a difficult and often dangerous task. Eight sound effects editors died due to carbon monoxide inhalation before it was decided to stop driving the cars into the recording booth and try other methods of acquiring just the right sound.



Disney originally planned to market the movie with the tagline, "We're Totally Sorry About *Herbie: Fully Loaded*. Here's a Different Movie About a Little Racing Car With a Mind Of Its Own That Maybe You *Will* Like." But this left little room on the poster for any kind of illustration.

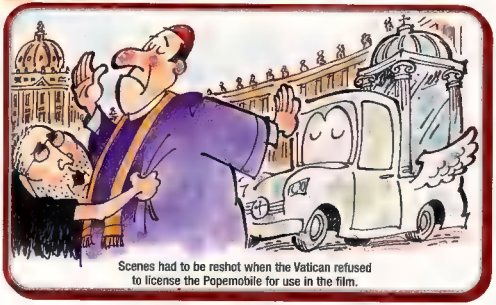
WRITER: SCOTT MAIKO ARTIST: PAUL COKER

Authors of the 1982 non-fiction book *The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail* have claimed that the screenplay for *Cars* borrows heavily from their book and have sought an injunction to bar the film's release. Law experts doubt they will succeed, but this has not stopped others, including the publishers of the *Kelley Blue Book* and *Chilton's Guide to Small Engine Repair*, from filing similar lawsuits.

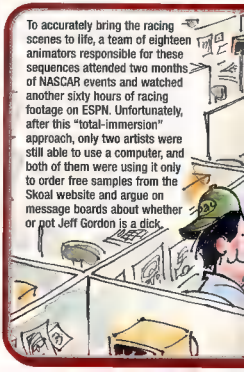


Most of the cast were such huge fans of Pixar films that they didn't even ask to see a script before signing on to do the movie. They just asked to see a check.

Following a special advance screening of *Cars* at the White House, an angry President Bush immediately held a meeting with his advisors, demanding to know how such an enormous gas company as Dinoco could exist without him having financial ties to it.

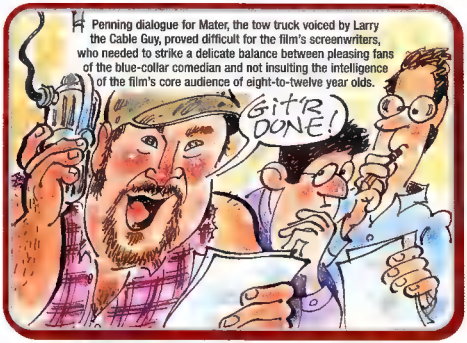


Scenes had to be reshot when the Vatican refused to license the Popemobile for use in the film.



To accurately bring the racing scenes to life, a team of eighteen animators responsible for these sequences attended two months of NASCAR events and watched another sixty hours of racing footage on ESPN. Unfortunately, after this "total-immersion" approach, only two artists were still able to use a computer, and both of them were using it only to order free samples from the Skoal website and argue on message boards about whether or not Jeff Gordon is a dick.

The film's animators sketched over 43,000 designs of vehicles; mostly of the dream cars they planned on purchasing once Disney's $7.4 billion buy-out of Pixar is finalized.



Penning dialogue for Mater, the tow truck voiced by Larry the Cable Guy, proved difficult for the film's screenwriters, who needed to strike a delicate balance between pleasing fans of the blue-collar comedian and not insulting the intelligence of the film's core audience of eight-to-twelve year olds.

The film was set to be released back in November of 2005, but was pushed back after a strange knocking sound was heard on the soundtrack that would, of course, disappear as soon as sound technicians were brought in to find out what was wrong.

It's estimated that *Cars* cost over $125 million to produce, however, once the final print was driven off the Pixar lot, its value immediately depreciated by 50%.

MAD De TV TalkS

The great thing about late night talk shows is that you never know what's going to happen! Well, unless you've seen more than one episode ... then you start to realize that they're about as planned-out and predictable as Paris Hilton's next nipple slip. Don't believe us? Watch and learn as...

11:00 Right off the bat, Jon Stewart introduces a hilarious segment about John Kerry being trashed by the newest Swift Boat ad, which has...what the hell? Oh, this must be one of *The Daily Show*'s 27 annual vacation weeks. If you haven't noticed, *The Daily Show* is about as "daily" as Aintitcool.com is cool.

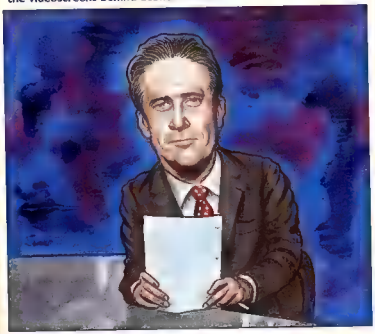
Even so, it's hard to complain about the hippest, smartest late night show in all the land. (It must be noted that the competition for the title is pretty thin lately. *The Daily Show* only has to beat out Jay Leno holding up supermarket coupons with typos, and David Letterman quizzing tourists about their hometowns before letting them read Donald Trump jokes off an index card.)

11:00 There we go! It's a new episode! The music plays, and the camera swings around to show Jon Stewart, acting like he doesn't notice the show has started and can't hear the commotion. He pretends to write on a prop script that he never again actually consults, then looks up with a fake "Oh! It seems you've joined me!" expression. At which point he proceeds to savagely expose phoniness in the media.

11:01 If someone in the audience is wearing a silly shirt, or asked a goofy question during the show warm-up, Stewart is on it like a laser. However, if an important breaking news story has occurred that afternoon, he's sure to make a single raggedy throwaway mention of it to appear topical. The full report, with the actual jokes, won't show up until tomorrow, 28 hours after the fact.

Before we get started, I just want to say, who brought the gumbo? I must say, it's hearty. Quite hearty. Free helpings of Creole stew for all! We'll be covering this afternoon's sinking of Greenland on tomorrow's show, but we begin tonight with online shopping...

11:02 The fake newscast proper begins. *The Daily Show* is widely regarded as THE go-to current events program for people who can't stop congratulating themselves for knowing who Condoleezza Rice is. But that's just one demographic group. The other 40% of the audience is mostly wasted stoners and immobile housecats, mesmerized by that weird blue wavy stuff on the videoscreens behind Stewart's head.



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THIS MONTH: THE DAILY SHOW WITH JON STEWART

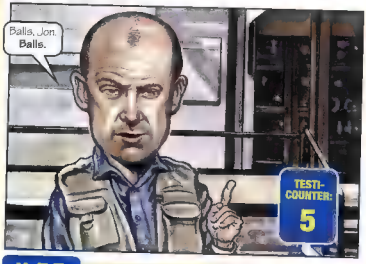
11:05 During the opening news segment, Stewart makes a point of spinning back and forth between different camera angles for no reason, thus brilliantly satirizing the use of the multiple-camera shoot. It may be unbelievably annoying to watch, but it raises an important question about the media. Namely, who knew that a show on Comedy Central could afford more than one camera?

11:06 Whenever there's a videoclip of a foreign speaker, it's always dubbed with an insulting, stereotyped voiceover. It's even funnier when it's a report that talks about how Bush's xenophobic refusal to engage the rest of the world is hurting America's image abroad.

It ees blaspheemy to deepict Moohammed's image, and is puneeshable by death. However, we very much enjoying dee Archie and dee Jughead. Those rascally teens' cartoon adventures are funnier den dee Koran!
CARTOON CONTROVERSY
The Gulag Archie-Pelago

11:07 Enter one of the show's various "Correspondents," each of whom has their own style. For instance, Ed Helms plays the deadpan media egotist with more cocky bluster than sense. Whereas Rob Cordrry plays the deadpan media egotist with more cocky bluster than sense, who's bald. Then there's Samantha Bee, who — you got it — plays the d.m.e.w.m.c.b.t.s., except she's a girl.

Oh, and if you ever get the opportunity to bet on how many testicle references the correspondents will manage to work in, always take the "over."



11:08 At this point, the deadpan media egotist of the day ends their preamble by making an absurd statement, then falling silent and waiting for Jon Stewart to feign confusion. Then Jon repeats the premise, but as a question. This process helps prove an eternal comedy truth: it's a lot easier to write a pause than a joke.

What's clear is that the deficit is out of control, our economy is in complete shambles... and that can only be good for America.
One Mississippi... two Mississippi...
SENIOR RUNNING A JOKE INTO THE COLD, COLD GROUND CORRESPONDENT

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN

THIS MONTH: The Daily Show with Jon Stewart

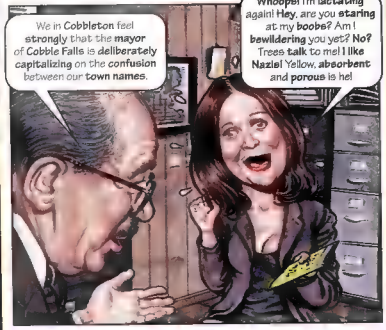
11:09

As the anchor, Stewart is there to react to the day's top stories. Lesser comedians rely on one or two hackneyed, repetitive schticks, but not Stewart. He's got a dozen! See how many you can spot!

*SAY "EHHH... NOT SO MUCH."
*SAY "AWK-WARD."
*SAY "NICELY DONE."
*DO YOUR "HEH-HEH-HEH" BUSH IMPRESSION.
*SHOUT "DAMN YOU!" AT A CEILING CAMERA.
*SAY "YOU JUST BLEW MY MIND."
*MAKE AN OUT-OF-NOWHERE JEWISHNESS REFERENCE.
*SAY IN A FOGHORN LEGHORN VOICE, "I SAID GOOD DAY, SIR!"
*DO SOME EXAGGERATED CHIN STROKING.
*DO SOME EXAGGERATED CIRCULAR WRIST STROKING.
*PRETEND TO MOP YOUR BROW WITH YOUR TIE.
*IMITATE A COMEDIAN WHO 98% OF COMEDY CENTRAL'S AUDIENCE HAS NEVER ACTUALLY SEEN, WHETHER IT'S YOUR B-MINUS JERRY LEWIS, YOUR C-MINUS WOODY ALLEN, OR YOUR D-PLUS JOHNNY CARSON.
*MAKE YOUR VOICE INCREASINGLY SQUEAKY, GOING UP, UP, UP TO THE PUNCHLINE (DOES ESPECIALLY ENJOY THIS PART OF THE SHOW).

11:12

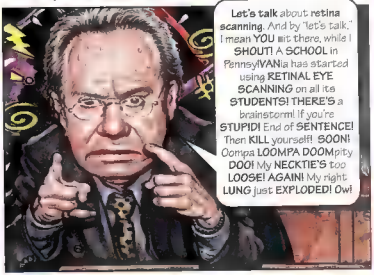
Now it's time for the show's filmed piece. Today's correspondent really sticks it to some local municipal councilman who wasn't bright enough to question granting full press credentials to a channel that runs Reno 911! repeats in between Larry the Cable Guy specials. The gameplan is to irritate the interview subject, to say something absurd, and to provoke uncomfortable silences. But this is nothing like what they just did with Jon Stewart four minutes ago...because these segments are filmed in somebody's office.


We in Cobbleton feel strongly that the mayor of Cobble Falls is deliberately capitalizing on the confusion between our town names.
Whoops! I'm lactating again! Hey, are you staring at my boobs? Am I bewildering you yet? No? Trees talk to me! I like Nazis! Yellow, absorbent and porous is he!

11:16

Nutty as it sounds, *The Daily Show*'s producers worry that there is such a thing as "too much Bob Wiltfong." And so, on a regular basis, they skip the filmed remote packages and give the time to comedian Lewis Black.

Often, Black will revisit some of the news stories that *The Daily Show*'s already covered last week, but he gives it his own unique twist. Mainly, screaming like a belligerent Mr. Potatohead, delivering every punchline in the same cadence TV finance companies use to say "No credit? No problem!"


Let's talk about retina scanning. And by "let's talk," I mean YOU sit there, while I SHOUT! A SCHOOL in Pennsylvania has started using RETINAL EYE SCANNING on all its STUDENTS! THERE'S a brainstorm! If you're STUPID! End of SENTENCE! Then KILL yourself! SOON! Oompa LOOMPA DOOMpity DOO! My NECKTIE'S too LOOSE! AGAIN! My right LUNG just EXPLODED! Ow!

11:18

Before the second ad break, we get one of the show's irregularly-appearing segments, such as "A Relatively Closer Look," "The Less You Know," or "International Pamphlet." This helps put the lie to the theory that recurring features need to be popular.

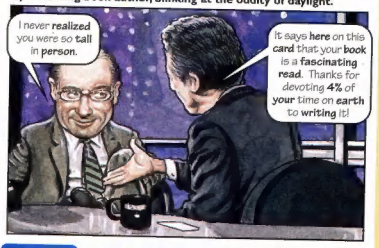
11:20

Interview time! Guests fall under three categories, and three categories only:

A) Typical celebrity on the talk show death march, flogging their new movie after the obligatory half-a-minute of pretending they give a wet fart about American politics;

You'd think that the administration would reconsider the Kyoto treaty in the face of increased global warming. But if you want to know about warming, try wearing the Big Momma fat suit for a three-month shoot! I have a funny story about my movie, which is available on DVD this Tuesday...

B) Mumbling book author, blinking at the oddity of daylight.

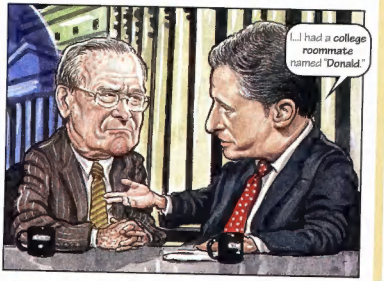

I never realized you were so tall in person.
It says here on this card that your book is a fascinating read. Thanks for devoting 4% of your time on earth to writing it!

11:21

But for today's show, the guest is from Category C. It's the moribund political figure, looking to get *The Daily Show* rub for some hipster cred!

There are two sub-categories of political guests: liberal, and powerful.

Conservative powerhouses only come on to show what "good sports" they are. And suddenly faced with a rightwing target he's been bashing for months, Stewart really tears into him…with such "hardball" questions as "Your party rules everything in the country now...but won't you let us keep Rhode Island?"



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Of course, no appearance by a pandering politico is complete without the kiss-ass suggestion that Jon Stewart should enter politics. At which point, the same studio audience that doesn't think George W. Bush is qualified to handle his job, happily explodes at the notion of being represented by Adam Sandler's roommate in *Big Daddy*.

11:29

Haven't gotten enough of a hate-Bush buzz yet? Before signing off, Stewart "checks in" with a cheap plug for *The Colbert Report*, the *SNL* skit that's inexplicably been handed a year-long commitment.

You want truthiness, Jon? Tell the people how the canned banter we're reciting got rejected from your Academy Awards telecast, because it felt a little "too scripted."
I'd rather not. But would you mind closing with a meaningless non sequitur?
Come on, snake eyes!
THE COLBERT REPORT

11:30

As always, the show closes with "Your Moment of Zen," a pointless film clip of nothing in particular. It always leaves viewers pondering the existential Zen mystery: why does a staff of 18 writers need to pad out a 22-minute show?

A MESSAGE FROM
The Naturally Oily American Gas Industry

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS AD
AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES WILL HAVE MADE ONE BILLION DOLLARS.
(Two billion dollars if you're a slow reader.)
BUT THAT'S NOT THE WHOLE STORY! READ ON!

QUESTION: Is it true that the oil industry is really making billions of dollars in profits quarterly?

Well yes, but while it appears that these billions of dollars in profits are going into our pockets, they are not! These profits find their way into many sectors of the American business community. For example party planners, artisans of fine jewelry, luxury car manufacturers, Italian marble carvers and high priced architects who design and build sprawling mansions all share in the wealth we earn. It's our way of helping to keep the economy going. I guess you could say by spending lavishly, we're just doing our patriotic duty!

QUESTION: Are the oil companies involved in price gouging?

Absolutely not! We tell the individual service station owners to set their own price gouging limits.

QUESTION: Is it true that oil companies kept merging until there were just a few large ones, and that they all work together to keep prices high?

The President and CEO of the American Petroleum Industry recently answered that question this way: "No! The oil companies DO NOT WORK TOGETHER and trust me, I'm speaking for ALL OF THEM!"

QUESTION: Is the industry working on any fuel alternatives?

Yes, we are also trying innovative blends of gasoline. Most recently we tested fuel made from soybean oil, sugar and corn. While these tests were disappointing, we're happy to report that the mix will soon be sold as "Mr. Octane," a delicious energy drink, available at service stations everywhere!

QUESTION: Lee Raymond, the former chairman and Chief Executive of Exxon recently retired with $686 million dollars in compensation. Isn't that an indication that oil company profits are obscene?

We've all heard that $686 million figure over and over again. And yes, if you break it down, Lee Raymond was paid $144,573 for each day he spent at Exxon headquarters. But read that again. That was for EACH DAY! Add in weekends, vacations and holidays and that figure is cut drastically.

QUESTION: Weren't the rich oil fields of Iraq supposed to be a vital source of oil for the United States?

Yes, but the hundreds of miles of pipelines needed to make that happen are still under construction. In the three years since the U.S. bombed Iraq to smithereens and then began rebuilding, we estimate no-bid American contractors have installed about seven feet of the pipeline that's usable, so it will be a bit longer before Iraq oil begins flowing again.

QUESTION: It's said that oil profits were the highest in history for the first quarter of 2006 and will be off the charts for the second quarter of 2006. What are the oil companies doing about that?

We are prepared for that 100%. We already have new, much taller charts! And we're prepared to get even taller ones for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2006 and beyond.

QUESTION: Will President Bush's plan to postpone this summer's restocking of 12 million barrels of oil to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve really help the supply?

Yes, thanks to President Bush's far-ranging energy plan, every motorist in the United States will be able to drive an extra 15 feet this summer. Your footage may vary.

A MAD AD PARODY

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

WHAT UGLY CIVIL WAR ARE MANY AMERICANS WATCHING CLOSELY?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

What started out as peaceful coexistence has turned into a raging fight. The battle lines are drawn and the conflict has been non-stop. Although it's been widely covered in the news media and constantly debated by the public, it's unclear just when or how it will end. To find out what melee has the world worried, fold page in as shown.

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THIS STORY, CIRCULATED AS IF BY JET-PROPELLED MEANS, IS CERTAINLY A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF BAD NEWS. SOME IN AMERICA SIMPLY DON'T CARE ABOUT IT. BUT EVERY PERSON VIEWING NEWS REPORTS IS SHOCKED. THIS IS NOT A PRETTY FIGHT. IT'S A REVOLTINGLY SICK LACERATING BATTLE FOR BOTH SIDES. ONLY THEY CAN END THIS MISERABLE CONFLICT.

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WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

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WHAT UGLY CIVIL WAR ARE MANY AMERICANS WATCHING CLOSELY?

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JESS-ICA SIMPSON VS NICK LACHEY

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